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Letter dated 25 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

With reference to the invitation from the Secretary-General to all Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to attend the ceremony aiming to mark the seventieth anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations, which will be held in San Francisco on 26 June 2015 (see annex I), the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic would like to draw your kind attention to the following.

After receiving the note dated 5 June 2015 from the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, we informed the Secretariat that the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations, Bashar Ja'afari, would like to participate in the above-mentioned activity, as Syria is one of the original Member States of the United Nations that signed the Charter 70 years ago in San Francisco. The Secretariat confirmed Ambassador Ja'afari's participation. Owing to the travel restrictions imposed by the host country on Ambassador Ja'afari, our Permanent Mission also requested a travel authorization from the United States Mission to the United Nations. The Syrian Mission received the attached approval from the United States Mission (see annex II) on 16 June 2015, 10 days prior to departure. We made all the arrangements for Ambassador Ja'afari's participation, including airline and hotel reservations, but less than 24 hours before the departure time, we received a phone call from the United States Mission informing us that the travel authorization given to Ambassador Ja'afari had been revoked and that he could not participate in the event.

The Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic would like to express its strong objection to the host country's behaviour, which contradicts diplomatic custom and the agreement between the United Nations and the host country.

The Syrian Mission would appreciate the circulation of the present letter and its annexes as a document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(*Signed*) Bashar **Ja'afari**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex I to the letter dated 25 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General presents its compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations and Permanent Observer Missions and has the honour to refer to the commemoration of the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations being undertaken this year.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General further informs that the Secretary-General will travel to San Francisco, California, to mark the seventieth anniversary of the 26 June 1945 signing of the Charter of the United Nations at the United Nations Conference on International Organization, also known as the San Francisco Conference. On 26 June 2015 at 12 p.m., the Secretary-General will deliver remarks at a Charter Commemoration Ceremony in San Francisco's City Hall, hosted by Mayor Edwin M. Lee in the presence of senior officials from the Government of the United States. The day's programme will also include a 6 p.m. *UN Champions Reception and Dinner*, co-hosted by the President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Nations Foundation, Ms. Kathy Calvin, with Bay Area entrepreneurs and opinion-makers.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General would like to invite Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to join the Secretary-General on this occasion. Should such travel from New York not be feasible, the Executive Office of the Secretary-General would encourage Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to be represented by their consular presence in San Francisco. A detailed programme will be communicated as it becomes available.

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General would be grateful if the information on expected Permanent Representative and Permanent Observer representation in San Francisco could be shared with the Department of Public Information by 12 June 2015 (e-mail sugiyama@un.org).

The Executive Office of the Secretary-General avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations and Permanent Observer Missions the assurances of its highest consideration.

5 June 2015

Annex II to the letter dated 25 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Approved
6-16-15

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Time Exception, *(drop down box with yes or no)*

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Date of Request 06/ 12 /2015
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State Dept Personal ID # (PID) _ _ _ Passport # _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Name of traveler (Last, First, Middle) JA'AFARI, BASHAR
Title AMBASSADOR /PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
Organization PERMANENT MISSION OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC
Phone: 212-661-1313
Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____

Name(s) of Accompanying Traveler(s) Title PID #/Passport

Purpose of Travel: Attending the 70th Anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations

Signature: _____

Travel Itinerary

1) Date 06/ 25 /2015 From NEW YORK Dep 3:30pm
month day year
Mode AIR (AA85) To SAN FRANCISCO Arr. 7:15pm

Lodging Address ST. REGIS HOTEL, 125 3rd Street, San Francisco, CA 94103
Name of Host Mayor of San Francisco, His Hon. Mayor Edwin M. Lee
Organization _____
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